

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING A REMOTE SITE TO INTERACT
WITH AN INTERMEDIATE DATABASE TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE
REMOTE SITE**

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention is related to a method of computer control and, more particularly, to a system for automatically directing a web browser application on the computer to retrieve and display information in response to an analog signal.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0002] This application is a Continuation-in-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221 ^{now US Pat. 6,745,234} ~~(Att. Dkt. No. PHL Y-24,669)~~ entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE," filed on August 19, 1999, which is a Continuation-in-Part of the following two pending U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/151,471 ^{now abandoned} ~~(Att. Dkt. No. PHL Y-24,397)~~ entitled "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK," and Serial No. 09/151,530 ^{now US Pat. 6,098,106} ~~(Att. Dkt. No. PHL Y-24,398)~~ entitled "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER WITH AN AUDIO SIGNAL," both filed on September 11, 1998; the present application being related to the following pending U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/382,426 ^{still pending} ~~(Att. Dkt. No. PHL Y-24,732)~~ entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

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COMPLETING, SECURING AND CONDUCTING AN E-COMMERCE
 TRANSACTION;" Serial No. 09/382,424 (^{now US Pat. 6,836,799}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,733~~) entitled
 "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACKING USER PROFILE AND HABITS ON A
 GLOBAL NETWORK;" Serial No. 09/382,425 (^{still pending}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,734~~) entitled
 "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECTING AN EXISTING PRODUCT CODE TO
 A REMOTE LOCATION;" Serial No. 09/382,373 (^{still pending}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,735~~) entitled
 "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE WITH A NON-
 STANDARD CONTROL INPUT DEVICE;" Serial No. 09/382,371 (^{still pending}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-
 24,737~~) entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE IN
 RESPONSE TO SCANNING OF A PRODUCT CODE;" Serial No. 09/382,422 (^{now}~~Atty Dkt.~~
^{abandoned}~~No. PHLY-24,742~~) entitled "UNIQUE ID FOR IDENTIFYING A USER AND
 FACILITATING AN E-COMMERCE TRANSACTION;" Serial No. 09/382,377 (^{still}~~Atty Dkt.~~
^{pending}~~No. PHLY-24,743~~) entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINKING A WEB
 BROWSER TO A PROMOTIONAL OFFER OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK;" Serial No.
 09/382,375 (^{still pending}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,745~~) entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
 UTILIZING AN EXISTING PRODUCT CODE TO ISSUE A MATCH TO A
 PREDETERMINED LOCATION ON A GLOBAL NETWORK;" Serial. No. 09/379,699
^{still pending}~~(Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,747)~~ entitled "NETWORK ROUTING UTILIZING A PRODUCT
 CODE;" Serial No. 09/379,700 (^{now US Pat. 6,701,354}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,748~~) entitled "METHOD FOR
 INTERCONNECTING TWO LOCATIONS OVER A NETWORK IN RESPONSE TO
 USING A TOOL;" Serial No. 09/496,790 (^{now US Pat. 6,845,388}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,769~~), and entitled "WEB
 SITE ACCESS BY MANUAL ENTRY OF A CHARACTER STRING INTO A
 SOFTWARE INTERFACE;"
 Serial No. 09/496,208 (^{now US Pat. 6,757,715}~~Atty Dkt. No. PHLY-24,770~~), and entitled "BAR CODE SCANNER
 AND SOFTWARE INTERFACE INTERLOCK;" and, Serial No. 09/497,252 (^{now US}~~Atty Dkt.~~
^{Pat. 6,622,165}~~No. PHLY-24,509~~), and entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING A
 REMOTE SITE TO INTERACT WITH AN INTERMEDIATE DATABASE TO
 FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE REMOTE SITE".

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